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What have we been up to?

• We are now on LinkedIn in follow us at:

Birmingham Quality (UK NEQAS)

We regularly welcome trainee scientists into the department. Charlotte Evans joined us last year
for a few weeks and we well as many exciting trips to talk about FIB-4, she has now published her
first paper! Well done Charlotte

Please scan QR code to access our publications page

Scheme Updates:

- We wish to remind all users especially, but not restricted to, NPEx / X-Lab Systems users that you still need to complete all elements of all Schemes. This includes data that cannot be returned via NPEx/XLab systems. For example, the post-examination interpretations, reference range/cut-off fields and Q&As (part of ISO 15189:2022). These are integral parts of our Scheme design and your results not only impact you, but also other participants in the Scheme. We will be updating our T&Cs shortly
- This month we looked at the impact of lipaemia on Serum Magnesium in our UK NEQAS for Serum Indices Scheme (Distribution 186). One manufacturer was impacted more than others!
- For Schemes with an MLTM Target Value, but insufficient numbers of your method to generate
 a valid Target Value, we are now giving you the next best suitable Target Value so that you
 have specimen %biases and can generate rolling time statistics. You will be informed of this
 on your report.

EQA Nuggets:



If you are not registered with a method for one or more analytes, you will not have a Target Value and you will not have any scoring! You are not doing EQA!



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You may have missed:

A selection of the slides from our very successful Vitamin D webinar:



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Don't forget to book onto our next webinar September 2024

